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For: PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC
ACID SAMPLE FOR RARE EXPRESSED GENES
AND ANALYZING METHOD USING THE
PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/313,637, filed on May 18, 1999, entitled PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLE FOR RARE EXPRESSED GENES AND ANALYZING METHOD USING THE PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

10-153651 filed May 20, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/313,637, as originally filed on May 18, 1999.



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